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Man accused of urging suicides forced offline

FARIBAULT A 47-year-old Minnesota nurse charged with encouraging Carleton University student Nadia Kajouji to kill herself was ordered yesterday to stay off the Internet while his case is pending.

A judge also forbade William Melchert-Dinkel from leaving the state except for work assignments as a trucker, the career he took up after his nursing licence was stripped.

Kajouji, 18, drowned herself in the Rideau River two years ago. Another victim, Mark Drybrough, 32, hanged himself at his home in England in 2005.

The investigation tied Melchert-Dinkel to Kajouji through searches of their computers. Authorities determined she had discussions with someone named Cami, a suspected alias for Melchert-Dinkel, and entered into a suicide pact. Melchert-Dinkel faces up to 15 years in prison and a $30,000 fine.

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Violence erupts in Jamaica

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Shooting hoops

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Mayor Larry O'Brien, left, and Minister of State (Sport) Gary Lunn play a quick game of basketball at the Carlington Recreation Centre yesterday, where Lunn announced $719,000 in renewed funding for the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program. The national program allows all kids ages four to 18 the opportunity to participate in organized sports, regardless of financial situation. "This funding will create even more opportunities for young Canadians to get involved in sport," Lunn said.

Park threatened?

Lansdowne designs infringe on Sylvia Holden space: Advocates

STEVE COLLINS
for Metro Ottawa

A group of Glebe residents is raising the alarm over changes the Lansdowne Park redevelopment could impose on the adjacent Sylvia Holden Park.

The city last week unveiled the five finalists in its design contest for Lansdowne Park's "front lawn" of green space, but four out of the five, park users say, threaten Sylvia Holden Park's baseball diamonds, basketball courts, dog park and other amenities.

"We're talking about 20 per cent of the park space for an entire neighbourhood that's going to be radically changed and there hasn't been a single consultation with local residents," said group organizer Adrian Evans.

"We feel this is really undemocratic and unfair and it's for this reason that local residents feel we need to hold a press conference to get our views about the community park through because we haven't been consulted."

Of the five design plans, A to E, announced last week, Evans said Plan A presented the fewest problems to park users.

"I think Plan A really respects the park and it actually increases the area of the park," he said, although he would prefer to shield Sylvia Holden Park from the redevelopment entirely, as council had originally specified at the outset of the competition.

"I think we all feel betrayed by this process and have from the word 'go,'" said Coun. Clive Doucet. "This is just the most recent betrayal. It was very clear when we saw those early drawings that they were selling the redevelopment with Sylvia Holden in it."

City council votes today on a motion to exclude Sylvia Holden Park from the Lansdowne redevelopment.

STEVE COLLINS/FOR METRO OTTAWA

Coun. Clive Doucet, from left, Adrian Evans and Elaine Marlin feel most of the proposed designs for Lansdowne Park threaten many of Sylvia Holden Park's existing amenities.

Charges in bike crash against former AG withdrawn

TORONTO A former attorney general once considered to be a top contender for Ontario premier received a political reprieve yesterday after criminal charges stemming from his fatal encounter with a bike courier were withdrawn.

Michael Bryant has been spared a lengthy trial on charges of criminal negligence causing death and dangerous driving.

An independent prosecutor determined there was little chance of conviction.

The charges were laid last September following the death of Darcy Allan Sheppard, 33, after a late-night altercation with Bryant in Toronto's tony Yorkville district. But in a rare show of co-operation between the defence and prosecution, new evidence was uncovered that made a conviction unlikely.

Sheppard had a history of aggressive behaviour with drivers, including one alleged incident that happened just a few hours before his death, court heard. He also had about twice the legal limit of alcohol in his blood.

Earlier that night, the father of four showed up intoxicated at his girlfriend's home, but police allowed him to ride off on his bike, said independent prosecutor Richard Peck.

"Our conclusion is that Mr. Bryant had been attacked by a man who unfortunately was in a rage," he said. "In such circumstances he was legally justified in attempting to get away. The case could not be proved."

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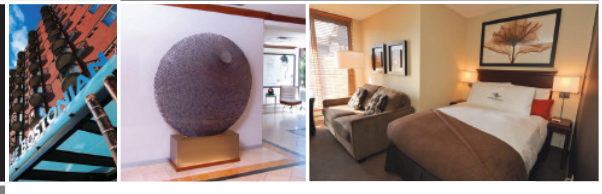

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Puppets to rock children's festival

Ottawa's Robyn Pekarchuk and Sarah Argue, left, of Rock the Arts are bringing their improv-based, interactive puppet show for all ages to the Ottawa International Children's Festival starting today. In addition to the festival, the company has performed in classrooms, fairs, festivals and theatres across Ontario. METRO OTTAWA

Mayoral candidate mulls Lansdowne

Coun. Cullen calls press conference midway to election to present views

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Through Sunday, city residents will be deciding what they think of the five proposed designs for Lansdowne Park.

And although the current council will decide the future of Lansdowne long before Oct. 25, mayoral candidate Alex Cullen believes it will still be an election issue.

"The incoming council will have to deal with the enabling with any plan, ranging from traffic mitigation, to zoning to financing," he said.

"I think we should look at the design competition ... take the best that we can find there that we can afford because Lansdowne Park is a jewel."

Although he supports "having a sports stadium where a modern city would place it ... close to rapid transit," Lansdowne Park doesn't have that, he said.

"Its location cannot sustain a 28,000-seat sports stadium, an 8,000-seat arena, an 1,100-seat cinema and 300,000 square feet of commercial shopping centres.

"We have to recognize we do have a jewel there on the Rideau Canal, absolutely," he said. "But we do have to be sensible about this and put the sports stadium where it can be properly served."

Cullen

A better site, he said, is the city-owned Bayview Yards. "We can marry that with trade show space."

The Bay Ward councillor, who held a press conference to mark the halfway point to the Oct. 25 municipal election yesterday, said he expects "to be speaking to this as we go forward."

Cullen said his main issues are rapid transit, the Ottawa River, homelessness, and taxes and services.

Cullen said while he is answering voters' questions now, his main opponent, former Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Jim Watson, is "ducking debates."

"He is providing answers that beg further questions, particularly his commitment to rapid transit," he said. "He's questioned whether we can afford to have the tunnel. We can't afford not to have the tunnel ... we think it's the best plan for the city of Ottawa."

Fest for kids of all ages: Liaison

ANNIVERSARY It may be called the Ottawa International Children's Festival, but the event, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, is not just for children, said Ashley Judd, community outreach for the festival.

"This is something you will want to share with your children and grandchildren, or nieces and nephews."

The festival, which drew about 20,000 people last year, runs today through Sunday at LeBreton Flats Park with events at Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

This year's programming includes OKidOK from Belgium, Hansel and Gretel by Gruppe 38 from Denmark and the Architects of Air Luminarium, as well as an imagination station and a games pavilion.

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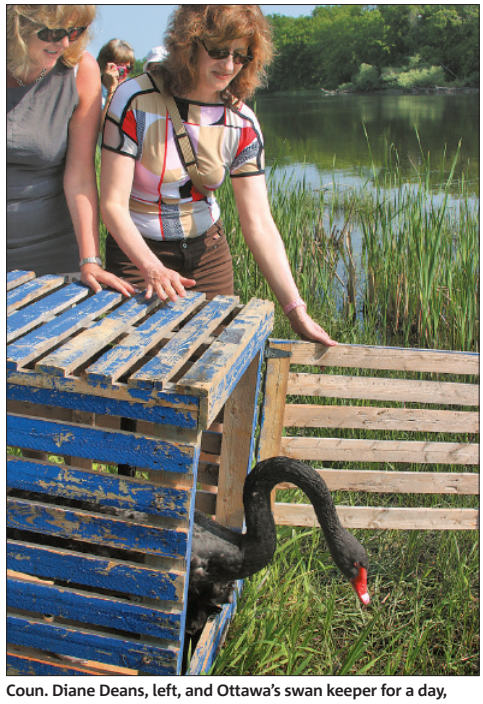

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Coun. Diane Deans, left, and Ottawa's swan keeper for a day, Catherine Winters, release an Australian black swan into the Rideau River yesterday at Brantwood Park.

'A rite of spring'

RIDEAU RIVER More than 40 years after the first royal swans were released into the Rideau River, their descendants took to the water yesterday to continue a longstanding Ottawa tradition.

Officials and onlookers gathered at Brantwood Park yesterday to release a few of the city's dozen swans into the water in what community and protective services chair Diane Deans called "a rite of spring."

The royal swans are descendants of the original swans presented to Ottawa by Queen Elizabeth II to mark the city's centennial in 1967.

"For the citizens of Ottawa and for many visitors that come to the capital during the summer months, to see those elegant birds gracing the Rideau River is really something to behold," said Deans.

> **"To see those elegant birds gracing the Rideau River is really something to behold."**
> Coun. Diane Deans

"There's a lot of interest in the program," said royal swan program co-ordinator Christine Hartig.

The swans, which are housed in a facility on Leitrim Road during the winter months, have had a bit of a rocky past, said Deans.

"When things get tight at city hall, people always think of the royal swans ... but we've had really good private sector partners that have assisted the city and made it possible for us to continue the program and continue to have the swans on the Rideau River."

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News in brief

DROWNING Police identified yesterday a 24-year-old man who drowned accidentally while swimming at Petrie Island Monday as Casimir Macedoine of Ottawa.

HEAT ALERT A heat alert issued by the city yesterday continues today. A heat alert is automatically declared when Environment Canada forecasts a humidex of 36 or more for at least two consecutive days.

CHARGES Police were busy over the long weekend. Ottawa police issued 799 provincial offence notices and laid 35 criminal charges. Ottawa OPP laid 135 charges, including 83 for speeding. METRO OTTAWA

Canada suspends North Korea diplomacy

Canada has formally suspended diplomatic relations with North Korea over the sinking of a South Korean warship. The move comes a day after the government announced new sanctions, including restrictions on trade, investment and other bilateral relations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police suspect car used as weapon

Police say Denis Philippon may have deliberately used his car as an instrument of death in separate accidents that killed four people Monday — including himself and his own four-year-old son, both shown here in snapshot from his Facebook page. The crashes occurred 10 minutes apart near Plessisville, southeast of Montreal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Committee hush move raises Grit hackles

POLITICS The Harper government is in the midst of another showdown with Parliament after announcing it will no longer let cabinet ministers' political staff testify at parliamentary committees.

Government House Leader Jay Hill told the House of Commons yesterday that committees don't respect due process and fair play when questioning staffers. From now on, he said, cabinet ministers will answer for the actions of their aides. All opposition parties immediately blasted the move and vowed to fight it.

Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale said it's the latest example of the Conservative government trying to block accountability and transparency. "The Harper government doesn't hesitate to blame political staff when they're caught carrying out the Conservative culture of deceit," Goodale said.

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Journalist becomes women's advocate

Kidnapped newsie sets up scholarship to send Somali women to school

The idea was conceived in captivity. It blossomed in a series of windowless rooms and was forged by the torture, fear and shackles that bound Amanda Lindhout for 15 months in southern Somalia.

Her captors, believed to be affiliated with the Hizbul-Islam insurgent group, took away her freedom, her safety and threatened to take her life if millions of dollars in ransom money were not paid by her family and the family of Australian photojournalist Nigel Brennan.

Amanda Lindhout

"Their belief system allowed them to abuse me in very specific ways ... and it's reflective of their view of women," she said in an interview. "The same men who are placing all these outrageous restrictions on women's freedoms in southern Somalia — that type of mentality — that's what I had to deal with in captivity."

Six months after the Lindhout and Brennan families paid a reported $600,000 ransom for their release, the freelance journalist has become an advocate and aid worker.

She is targeting the very nation that left her traumatized and her family in financial ruin with a scholarship that aims to send 100 Somali women to university annually for the next four years.

"This has blown away our minds because for someone who went through what she went through to come back and say, 'I want to do something to alleviate some of the suffering of the women there,' it's very very touching," said Ahmed Hussen, president of the Canadian Somali Congress and co-director of Lindhout's Global Enrichment Fund.

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What happened ...

- Amanda Lindhout and Australian photojournalist Nigel Brennan were abducted along with a local driver, fixer and translator Aug. 23, 2008, two days after arriving in Mogadishu. They were on their way to interview refugees at a camp. They were shuttled between up to a dozen safehouses while in captivity, but were poorly fed, beaten, tortured and locked in separate rooms.

Markham, Ont. Plane crash

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A firefighter runs in front of Thinkway Toys in Markham, Ont., yesterday as the remains of an aircraft burn on the roof. The plane crashed into the roof during the noon-hour, but none of the 14 employees in the building were seriously hurt. Town officials say the pilot and a passenger were killed.

Anti-poverty group wants cash for poor

G8 The Canadian government shouldn't allow the G8 to be sidetracked by debates over abortion and instead should be prepared to put up cold, hard cash for poor countries, says a leading anti-poverty network. ONE, an umbrella group of aid advocates founded by U2 singer Bono, says billions of dollars are needed if the G8 is going to make a meaningful dent in maternal and child health conditions in developing countries. Researchers for the group say Canada alone needs to come up with about $500 million annually for the next few years to make a difference.

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Amid unveiling, Chrétien defends politicos

PAINTING Jean Chrétien says he thinks politicians get a bum rap from ungrateful and cynical voters.

He used yesterday's unveiling of his official prime ministerial portrait to defend the honour and achievements of Canada's political class.

"They work hard, these guys," the self-described "little guy from Shawinigan" said in an interview shortly before the portrait ceremony.

"And you know, they are an honest crowd and everybody pictures them as a bunch of crooks. It's very unfair."

Public cynicism has mounted recently amid outrage over controversies like the Guergis-Jaffer affair and MPs' refusal to allow the auditor general to scrutinize their expenses.

Chrétien blamed "gotcha" journalism for the cynicism.

"Trivia is what attracts the attention. The debate is very rarely now on policies, it's always on all sorts of gotcha politics because the media need gotcha politics. They need blood."

But the former prime minister conceded politicians share some of the blame for bringing themselves into disrepute.

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A man's phone is his castle. So why are barbarians still storming my home phone, usually at the dinner hour, even though I signed up for that do-not-call list the government promised would end my pain?

Turns out I'm not the only one still persecuted by lame and annoying calls from people who want to hijack the next 15 minutes of my life, which I will never see again.

And at my age you start to guard your minutes jealously.

This is a big problem. Eight million telephone numbers have been registered with the federal do-not-call list since it was launched in 2008. But the CRTC, which is supposed to be some kind of watchdog, received 15,000 complaints from unhappy homeowners in February alone, yet has a pitiful 89 cases under review.

Only 12 tele-barbarians have been fined, and only two have coughed up any money.

If I had a watchdog like that, I'd send him to the doghouse without a bone. The CRTC is more like a watchkitty, or maybe a watchgerbil.

It's bad enough there is a long list of exceptions to the do-not-call list. I never want to participate in another survey, provide customer feedback, tell politicians how I mean to vote — or even if I need a ride to the polls (Notice to all politicians: No. Thank you.).

But I'm also still getting calls from electronic pests who congratulate me for winning an all-expenses-paid, no-strings-attached cruise to nowhere right in the middle of dinner.

They identify themselves as "Blocked" on call display. Even though I'm almost sure "Blocked" does not deserve an answer, there's a one-in-eight-million chance it could be a representative from Lotto Max with some very good news.

So I answer the phone. Idiot.

The CRTC has rolled over onto its belly and gone to sleep on this one. Of the thousands of complaints, it has investigated exactly 700, claiming one case could represent 1,000 calls. Most of the time, it sends these people a letter, when the most effective punishment is obvious:

Phone 'em! Phone 'em in the shower! Phone 'em when they're trying to get Junior to lie down and go to sleep! Phone 'em when they finally sit down to watch TV! Phone 'em during those rare moments of stolen connubial bliss!

In others words, do unto them what they do unto us. An ear for an ear! I guarantee it, after a week of that, the telemarketers will fall silent.

And if that doesn't work, go to Plan B. That's when we get the home phone numbers of the CRTC commissioners …

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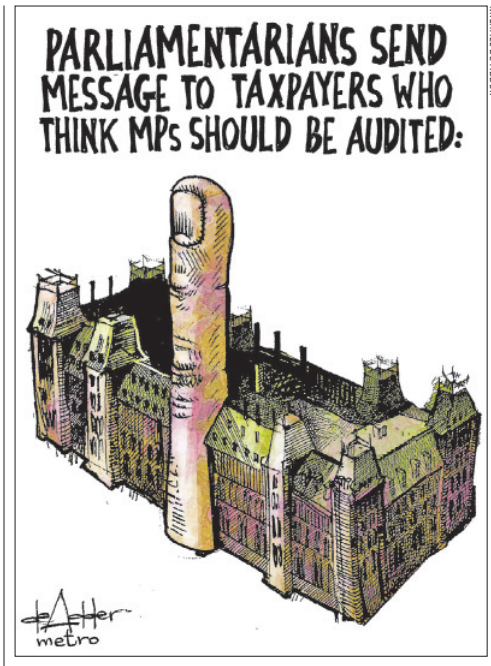

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Worth mentioning

Anti-spam laws may be in place by year-end: Feds

The federal government is reintroducing legislation to stop unwanted spam on computers and cellphones and guard against identity theft.

Tony Clement

Industry Minister Tony Clement says if all goes well the legislation could be in force by the end of the year.

Clement said Canada is an outlier among advanced nations for the lack of effective laws against spam, unwanted solicitations or even threats over computers and other wireless devices.

That has allowed spammers to set up shop in Canada and victimize individuals, not only here, but around the world.

The government intends to create a spam-reporting centre to work with government enforcement agencies with the power to shut down sites.

Charities, political parties, pollsters and businesses with an established relationship with a recipient would be exempt from the controls.

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Word on the street: Which television series would you like to see extended: Lost, 24 or Law & Order?

Hanan Awneh
Ottawa
A: Lost. I only watch that one.

Mahmoud Zahaby
Ottawa
A: Law & Order because it's the one I'm most interested in.

Blair Malcolm
Ottawa
A: Lost. It was a thriller and one of those shows that keeps my interest.

Eric Henry
Toronto
A: None. I don't watch any of those. I stopped watching Law & Order three years ago. I've never watched Lost or 24.

Courtney Varner
Halifax
A: Lost, because they didn't really answer all the questions that everybody wanted to know.

Dave Patten
Edmonton
A: I would like to see Law & Order extended because the other two shows are terrible … I like all the franchises because they are all really interesting to watch.

Quote of the Day

"Trivia is what attracts the attention. The debate is very rarely now on policies, it's always on all sorts of gotcha politics because the media need gotcha politics. They need blood."

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U.S. soldier under investigation for video showing mocking of Iraqi children

An Alaska-based soldier is under investigation for a video on his Facebook page that taunts smiling Iraqi children by asking if they're gay, if they engage in certain sex acts and if they would grow up to be terrorists. The two young boys did not appear to understand the questions, which were in English. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

W. writes about why he quit drinking

George W. Bush said yesterday that his upcoming book begins with an anecdote about his wife convincing him to give up drinking. Laura Bush pushed the former U.S. president to decide whether he preferred drinking to fatherhood, and whether he loved booze more than his wife. He said he realized he had an addictive personality and quit drinking cold turkey.

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U.S. admits to covert operations

WASHINGTON The top U.S. military commander in the Middle East signed a secret order in late 2009 that set the stage for increased clandestine and covert operations against militants and other threats across the region, defence officials said yesterday.

Gen. David Petraeus signed an order in September authorizing Special Operations forces to deploy to allied and hostile nations in the Mideast, Central Asia and the Horn of Africa to conduct surveillance missions and work with local forces, two officials said on condition of anonymity because the document is classified. Petraeus' seven-page order also appears to authorize specific operations in Iran, according to The New York Times, which first revealed it.

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Lebanon **Marking anniversary**

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A man carries a child wrapped in a Hezbollah flag during a rally south of Beirut yesterday, to mark 10 years since Israeli troops withdrew from a border strip in south Lebanon, ending a 22-year military presence.

News in brief

CHINA A torrent of floods caused by heavy storms have killed 115 people in southern China, with 21 people still missing as weather reports show rains beginning to subside.

OIL SPILL Live video of the Gulf of Mexico spill shows the underwater plume getting darker. An expert says that suggests more-polluting oil is spewing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

War zone in Jamaica

Soldiers, police battle gangsters loyal to accused drug lord on streets of capital

Thousands of police and soldiers yesterday stormed the Jamaican ghettos where reggae was born in search of a reputed drug kingpin wanted by the United States, intensifying a third day of street battles that have killed at least 30 people.

The masked gunmen fighting for underworld boss Christopher (Dudus) Coke say he provides services and protection — all funded by a criminal empire that seemed untouchable until the U.S. demanded his extradition.

Coke has built a loyal following in Tivoli Gardens, the poor West Kingston slum that is his stronghold. U.S. authorities say he has been trafficking cocaine to the streets of New York City since the mid-1990s, allegedly hiring island women to hide the drugs on themselves on flights to the United States.

Called "president" and "shortman" by his supporters, Coke does not wear flashy clothes or hold court at Kingston nightclubs like other powerful gang bosses. The few published photographs of the five-foot-four Jamaican the U.S. Justice Department calls one of the world's most dangerous drug lords show an unassuming man with a pot belly.

Christopher Coke

Yesterday, masked gunmen in West Kingston vanished down side streets barricaded with barbed wire and junked cars. The sound of gunfire echoed across the slums on Jamaica's south coast, far from the tourist meccas of the north shore. Schools and businesses were closed across the capital and the government appealed for blood donations for the wounded.

At the epicentre of the violence are the West Kingston slums, known as garrisons, which include the Trenchtown ghetto where reggae superstar Bob Marley was raised.

The son of an alleged gangster, the 41-year-old Coke has strong ties to the governing Jamaica Labor Party, which has counted on gunmen inside his Tivoli Gardens slum to intimidate election rivals. Members of Coke's Shower Posse and affiliated gangs began barricading his stronghold last week following an announcement by Prime Minister Bruce Golding that he would approve Coke's extradition on drug- and gun-running. Golding, who represents Tivoli Gardens, had stonewalled the U.S. request for nine months.

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Google's playable version of Pac-Man on its homepage late last week led web surfers to spend almost five million man-hours playing it, a study said yesterday. Seattle-based time-management software company Rescue Time released results of an analysis that showed search times being significantly delayed due to the game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Business

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Death tally grows at plant that makes iPods, phones

CHINA A Chinese employee of Foxconn Technology Group fell from a building and died yesterday, state-run media said, in the 10th such death this year at the world's largest contract maker of electronics, such as the iPod, Dell computers and Nokia phones.

Details were sketchy about the latest death and Foxconn and police would not immediately confirm the fatality, so it was unknown whether it was a suicide.

The reported death is the ninth at Foxconn's massive plant in the southern city of Shenzhen, which employs about 300,000 people. Another suicide occurred at a smaller plant in northern Hebei province in January.

Labour activists say the string of suicides back up their long-standing allegations that workers toil in terrible conditions at Foxconn. They claim shifts are long, the assembly line moves too fast and managers enforce military-style discipline on the workforce.

But Foxconn has insisted that workers are treated well and are protected by social responsibility programs that ensure their welfare. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Home ownership gets more expensive

Canadians will find it more expensive to own a home this year and in 2011, as higher interest rates are expected to chip away at affordability even as the rise in home prices begins to subside, two of Canada's major banks predicted yesterday.

A report by RBC Economics Research released yesterday said affordability would deteriorate throughout 2010 and 2011 as rising interest rates increase mortgage and other loan payments.

"Some erosion in affordability is going to come from higher interest rates ... (meanwhile) prices continue to rise. Combine the two and I think the second quarter you should expect some further deterioration in affordability," said RBC senior economist Robert Hogue.

Canada's hot housing market is coming back into balance between supply and demand following a seller-friendly period in which buyers competed for — and drove up the prices of — the few houses for sale during the first stages of economic recovery.

As demand cools and supplies increase, the pace of price increases will slow, but won't fall fast enough to offset rising interest and mortgage rates, Hogue said.

"I'd be hard-pressed to see any kind of the recent pace in price increases being maintained but it might not be an outright decline any time very soon," he added.

The RBC report found home ownership costs in Canada rose across all housing segments in the first three months of 2010 — the third quarter of increases in a row.

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Provinces

- With the exception of Alberta, home affordability measures deteriorated across all provinces with significant declines in affordability in British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Housing affordability declined more moderately in Quebec, Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

Prudential Welcome to the club

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Prudential's chairman Harvey McGrath, left, and Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Limited's chairman Ronald Arculli celebrate the listing of Prudential on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange yesterday. McGrath said he's confident the British insurer can get shareholder approval for its planned $35.5-billion takeover of Asia-based AIA Group from bailed-out U.S. insurer AIG.

Business in brief

LOONIE The Canadian dollar plunged to its lowest level in eight months before recovering yesterday, sending a clear signal that Europe's debt crisis has the potential to reach across the Atlantic and impact Canada's mending economy. The loonie has lost about eight per cent of its value over the last month in reaction to fears in global equity and financial markets about the lasting imprint of government debt, and now a new risk — the threat of war on the Korean peninsula. The Canadian dollar closed down 0.94 of a cent at 93.46 cents US yesterday after bouncing off a low of 92.18 cents US earlier in the day.

DISNEY A person familiar with the matter says The Walt Disney Company has called off talks to sell its Miramax movie division to billionaire Ron Burkle for $625 million. The deal would have seen the label's founders, the Weinstein brothers, regain control of the Oscar-laden catalogue.

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Michigan admits wrongdoing

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Sports

Bolts name Yzerman GM

Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman, left, is the Tampa Bay Lightning's new general manager, taking on the task of rebuilding a franchise that's fallen on hard times since winning its only Stanley Cup championship six years ago. The former Detroit Red Wings captain and executive was introduced yesterday as Brian Lawton's replacement during a news conference at St. Pete Times Forum. Lawton and coach Rick Tocchet were fired April 12. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man pleads guilty to vomiting on Phillies spectators

COURT A 21-year-old New Jersey man pleaded guilty yesterday to vomiting on another spectator and his 11-year-old daughter in the stands during a Philadelphia Phillies game.

Matthew Clemmens of Cherry Hill, N.J., pleaded guilty to one count each of simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment for his conduct during an April 14 Phillies-Nationals game at Citizens Bank Park.

Clemmens stuck his fingers down his throat and vomited on Michael Vangelo, an off-duty Easton police captain, and one of Vangelo's daughters after Clemmens' companion was ejected from the park, Assistant District Attorney Patrick Doyle said.

Matthew Clemmens

Clemmens and his friend were spilling beer, cursing and heckling Vangelo and his daughters from the time they arrived at their seats, according to a statement of facts read in court.

Vangelo's 15-year-old daughter asked the pair to stop the profanity, and Vangelo complained to security that Clemmens' friend was spitting, with some of it hitting his 11-year-old daughter, Doyle said.

After the friend was ejected, Clemmens was sitting alone behind the Vangelos when he answered his cellphone and said, "I need to do what I need to do. I'm going to get sick," the prosecutor said.

Clemmens then put his fingers down his throat and threw up on the father, with some vomit splashing onto Vangelo's younger daughter, Doyle said.

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Montreal Canadiens goalie Jaroslav Halak will be a restricted free agent July 1 with the right to go to salary arbitration if he and the Canadiens are unable to come to a contract agreement.

Contract talks on back burner

Halak wants break before talking about new deal

Montreal Canadiens goaltender and playoff hero Jaroslav Halak says he wants to take some time away from the game before thinking about his future.

Halak will be a restricted free agent July 1 with the right to go to salary arbitration if he and the Canadiens are unable to come to a contract agreement.

"Right now, don't think about it," Halak said when asked about contract status. "This is not going to happen today or tomorrow, it's going to happen over the summer. It's a good question, but right now I just want to go on vacation and put aside hockey and not think about it."

Halak would also be available to any team that wanted to sign him to an offer sheet. That move would force the Canadiens to either match the offer or accept draft picks as compensation.

Losing Halak would be difficult for the Canadiens to sell to their fans, some of whom placed stop signs across the city with "Halak" written in the middle.

"I'm just a regular guy," Halak said when asked about the fan support. "I'm not a super hero or a god or anything."

Carey Price, who was overtaken by Halak for the starting job, is also a restricted free agent this summer but cannot go to salary arbitration.

Price said it was difficult for him to sit on the bench and watch as Halak shined, saying he learned a lot about the need to constantly be working hard to improve.

But he says it would be even more difficult to go through a similar situation next season with both young goalies fighting for the same net.

"It would be pretty tough," Price said. "I feel like I can play and I know Jaro definitely feels the same way. It's a tough situation for both of us."

Canadiens GM Pierre Gauthier did not want to tip his hand about how he would be dealing with his delicate goalie situation this summer. He said goaltending is the strength of the team, and both Halak and Price "are strong assets that we would protect" in the event of an offer sheet.

He suggested he might keep one or even both goalies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

TENNIS Justine Henin took a big step yesterday in her return from retirement, beating Tsvetana Pironkova 6-4, 6-3 in the first round of the French Open. The match was Henin's first on centre court at Roland Garros since 2007, when she won the tournament for the fourth time. Four-time champion Rafael Nadal began his quest to wrest back the French Open title by dismissing Gianni Mina of France 6-2, 6-2, 6-2

NFL Break out the parkas! The 2014 Super Bowl will be held in New Jersey and it won't be indoors. NFL owners have voted to put the championship game in the new $1.6-billion US Meadowlands stadium that's about to become home to the New York Jets and Giants. It does not have a roof and it will be February.

NHL The Colorado Avalanche will bring back Adam Foote for a 19th season after signing their captain to a one-year deal. Foote, who will be 39 in July, helped the Avalanche to Stanley Cup titles in 1996 and 2001.

CFL Saskatchewan's public insurance company has scored a touchdown with its popular licence plates honouring the province's CFL football team. Just six days after Saskatchewan Government Insurance began offering them, more than 3,500 football fans have ordered Roughrider licence plates.

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Carleton wants students' help to represent Aboriginal connections

Carleton University in Ottawa is running a contest asking members of the student community to create a graphic design that will be used to symbolize the institution's Aboriginal connections and its desire to embrace diverse populations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

More resources for health: ACCC

In its submission to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Health, the Association of Canadian Community Colleges states that colleges are uniquely positioned to provide the advanced skills needed by the health sector. The association notes that additional support is needed to address long wait lists for health programs, aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance among other things. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A career that's into the wild

Even if you're not a veterinarian, there are many jobs out there for the animal lover

Paws, Claws **and Jobs**

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A career working with wild animals can take you straight into Canada's city centres or deep into its forests.

Pam Pritchard works in the Calgary Zoo. For the last 30 years, she's tended to the needs of giraffes, hippopotamuses and elephants. She now handles the zookeeper apprenticeship program.

"There's nothing more special than being able to go and see an animal you've worked with for years," she says.

Landing a zookeeper job is hard in Canada, compared to the United States, as there are only a few large zoos in the country.

"The trickiest spot is to get your foot in the door," Pritchard says. Many start by volunteering with animals — at zoos, if they can get a spot, or at any animal sanctuary. From there, many work toward a degree in animal sciences, zoology or biology while working as on-call labourers for a zoo. That means feeding animals and cleaning enclosures.

"They're all right in there getting dirty and wet," she says.

If all goes well, they earn a spot on the four-year paid apprenticeship program. It combines animal theory with hands-on work on nutrition, training, behaviour and other areas. If that goes well, they're in good position to land a zookeeper's job, Pritchard says.

Rod Cumberland spent much of his childhood in the forests of New Brunswick learning about deer with his hunter father. When he started working in shops and factories as an adult, he noted how miserable his coworkers were.

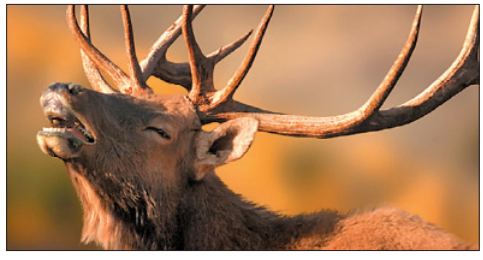
"I made up my mind that I would do something I loved to do and I pursued a career in wildlife management," he says. "I was really blessed to get the job I did."

He's New Brunswick's official deer biologist. Positions like his usually require a bachelors or masters degree in wildlife or forestry courses from institutions such as Nova Scotia's Acadia University, the University of Prince Edward Island, the University of New Brunswick, the Maritime College of Forest Technology, Sir Sanford Fleming College in Ontario or Alberta's University of Lethbridge.

Cumberland's passion is working in the field. Flying low and slow in a helicopter over dense woods, he counts moose and deer, or tromps on foot to see what predators, be it black bears, coyotes or bobcats, are killing tagged deer to gauge how healthy the population is.

That biological data determines the number of hunting permits issued to keep the herd healthy.

If you're interested in a career working with animals, but not necessarily being a vet, look into working with wild animals — either at a zoo or in the wild itself.



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BookReview

Start With **Why**
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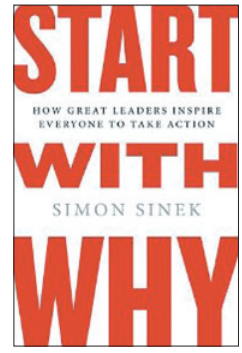
If you have ever listened to an inspiring speaker and found yourself drawn to what he or she has to say, chances are its not what they're talking about ... but rather why they're is talking about it.

Simon Sinek, author of Start With Why, discusses how leaders that are most effective achieve results because there is more meaning behind their message. To make more money or become more powerful are often things that leaders might aspire to achieve, but at the end of the day, that is not what motivates the consumer to buy or the citizen to vote. The leader needs to start with why.

Sinek states that we can all learn to lead, "However, if we're starting with the wrong questions, if we don't understand the cause, then even the right answers will steer us wrong … eventually." Sinek cites an example of how the Wright Brothers achieved the first flight before Samuel Pierpoint Langley, a highly connected, influential and financed officer of the Smithsonian Institute. Although they shared the same goal at the exact same time, only "the Wright brothers were able to inspire those around them and truly lead their team to develop a technology that would change the world." They started with "why?"

The question "why?" is the fulcrum for almost every company success story. The example of Apple was that Steve Wozniak (later joined by Steve Jobs) wanted to level the playing field for the average person by creating the personal computer. Starting with the Apple I followed by the Apple II, the co founders started the personal computing revolution that gave the individual the ability to compete. Why read this book? It's designed as a guide for the upcoming leader and gives a smart look at political and business successes, that's why.



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Many holes in mat leave law's fabric

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There is a loophole employers across the country are taking advantage of. An employee is fired either shortly before or during her maternity leave. She claims that she was fired because she was pregnant or took time off and that her replacement, who has less seniority, took the job she ought to have retained. The employer, of course, disagrees. Her position no longer exists, or if it does, her termination was unrelated to her leave.

Sometimes there is no replacement hired, at least immediately. But sooner or later, job advertisements will appear, listing most of the duties that she used to perform. When she was fired, she was told that the "restructuring" eliminated her position. However, now the company requires someone to perform most or all of her role, only with a different title.

Terminating employees during maternity leave is generally illegal. But it happens anyway. This is because the legislation in some provinces contains qualifiers, allowing dismissal only where the employer can show it was unrelated to the employee's leave. This is why jobs are often reorganized while employees are away, so that the employer can fit within the exception. Other provinces prohibit termination during leave but then allow it as soon as the employee returns. These scenarios unfold at workplaces throughout the country, with provincial tribunals and courts increasingly being asked to intervene.

What can employees do?

File a complaint with a provincial ministry or tribunal: Employment standards legislation provides various levels of protection. However, unlike court proceedings, where the onus to win a case is on the person who files it, employment standards legislation requires employers to disprove that the termination was illegal.

File a human rights complaint: Although human rights legislation does not require an employer to reinstate an employee following maternity leave, it does not permit termination where there was a connection to that employee's leave.

Sue for wrongful dismissal: There are court cases stating that even if an employee is not fired because she is pregnant or took a leave, she may be entitled to more severance than she would otherwise be entitled to because it would be more difficult for her to find other work.

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Chevy Cruze makes its mark

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Canadians love compacts. They're always at the top of our car sales charts, inevitably with Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Mazda3 jockeying for the top spot. Chevrolet plans to shake up that status quo this summer with the all-new Cruze sedan, its replacement for the outgoing Cobalt.

It's not available for full testing just yet, but GM invited me to its proving grounds in Michigan to drive a few laps.

It's nowhere near enough for a complete assessment, especially since pricing remains a mystery, but the initial impression is positive: in ride, handling and noise levels, it feels like a mini-Malibu.

Already on sale in Europe, China and Mexico, it will eventually expand to some 60 countries. Ours will come from Ohio. It will be a sedan only, with two hatchbacks slotting under it: the subcompact Aveo, currently built in Korea, will be redesigned and produced in the U.S., while Korea will then send over the new Spark minicar.

Cruze will come with a choice of engines. The base LS trim uses a 1.8-litre four-cylinder, making an estimated 136 horsepower.

I didn't get to drive it, but some overseas critics say it's underpowered, especially given the car's weight. The volume seller will be a new turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder, which will appear in the mid-range LT and top-line LTZ, as well as a fuel- and money-saving "Eco" model. It produces 138 horsepower, but far more importantly, it makes 148 lb-ft of torque, and at just 1,850 rpm. That's the twist power that gets everything moving. Both engines come with a six-speed transmission, in manual or automatic.

Don't think go-fast: the 1.4-litre, which runs on regular-grade fuel, is turbocharged for fuel efficiency. It doesn't feel quick, but it builds speed smoothly and with no turbo lag. In Canada, it's estimated at 5.0 L/100 km (56 mpg) on the highway.

For an entry-level model, Cruze is surprisingly sophisticated underneath, using a patented rear suspension that includes a Watts link — two horizontal bars with a central pivot to help keep the back end straight. On a tight curve of the proving ground's intentionally bad road, Cruze held solid at 100 km/h.

Cruze is also remarkably quiet and could well become the benchmark for big-car characteristics in a small vehicle.

2011 Chevrolet Cruze

Type: Compact sedan
Price: Not Available
Engine: 1.4L turbocharged four-cylinder/1.8L four-cylinder
Fuel Economy: 5.0L/100 km (estimated)

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- Sophisticated handling
- Quiet like a big car
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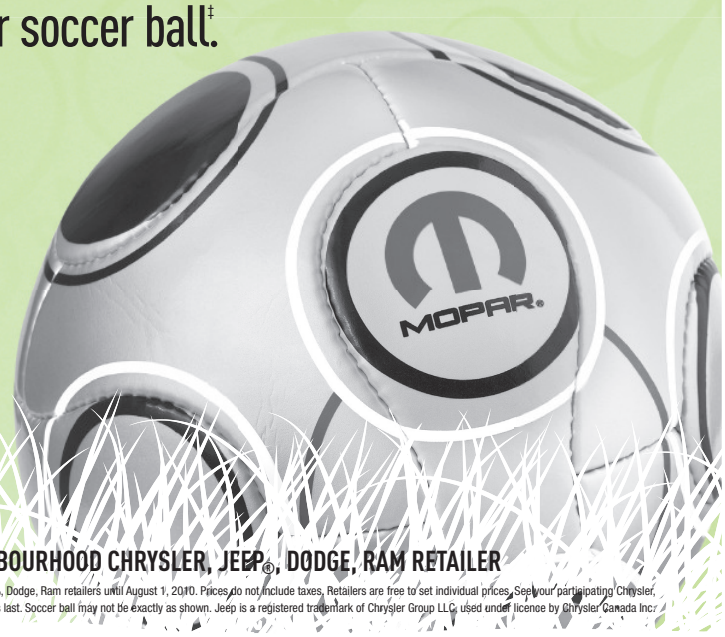

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Infiniti prices QX56

Infiniti Canada has released pricing for the all-new 2011 QX56, which will start at $73,000. Improvements in the new model include 25 per cent more power, better fuel economy, enhanced luxury and ride comfort, but at the same price as the 2010 model. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hey look, I drove a Rolls Royce

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

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Of course, all Rolls Royce models come with a condominium-worthy price tag. From left, the Rolls Royce Phantom Coupe ($408,000 and up), Phantom ($380,000 and up), Ghost ($275,000 and up) and the Phantom Drophead Coupe ($443,000 and up)

What's going on at Rolls-Royce? Two new cars in less than a year? Bless my ascot, what ever happened to tradition, permanence, and staying blissfully apart from the crowd that must stampede to every new flavour of the month?

The big Phantom sedan, in production since 2003, welcomed a Droptop (or convertible) model in 2008. A new model every five years sounds about right. But over the past year, Rolls ushered in both a new Phantom Coupe and the all-new "smaller" sedan christened Ghost.

I guess what's going on is German efficiency. BMW became the custodians of the Rolls-Royce brand in 1998. BMW is very respectful of the Rolls-Royce mystique and its British history, but is equally respectful of scheduling. The Germans prize a good schedule like they do a good Pilsner.

I haven't driven either of new cars yet, but last summer took a twirl in a beautiful, cream-coloured Phantom sedan. I offer the following observations of that drive, because, well, I wish it be known that I drove a Rolls-Royce and you didn't. (I didn't used to be like this.)

The first thing you notice is the steering wheel. The Phantom sedan is over six metres long, but the steering wheel is smallish and very thin.

"In a Rolls, you drive with your fingers, and with your elbows in," said Wayne Kung. He sat next to me during my drive because that's his job — explaining Rolls-Royce to journalists and preventing them from taking test cars to Mexico.

At one point I ask Kung which road I should take, and he responds with, "You're in a Rolls-Royce … Feel free to be very individualistic about your choice of roads."

But while this Rolls is a hoot to drive, the experience in the backseat is what sets this brand apart. So I take a turn back there, which essentially feels, looks and smells like a leather living room.

"Every material in here is what it looks like," remarked Kung, meaning no "faux" anything. Hey Wayne, this headliner looks like cashmere. Is this really cashmere Wayne? "Yes."

When we finish our drive, Kung pushes the button that powers open the rear doors, which are hinged at the rear for better access. After I get out, he demonstrates how to grab the "duchess straps" to make more elegant departures from the rear seat. I didn't quite get the hang of it, but if a suitable duchess does it right, she would seem to "walk" right out of the car. She then would presumably walk into some sort of lifestyle activity I'm not privy too. But for a few moments and kilometers back there, I was pretty close.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for over 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Inside a Rolls

- All leather from one Bavarian farm, where cows are specially bred for their hides
- Rear seat curved, like a sofa, to facilitate conversation
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Geely eyes cheapest car

The Tata Nano has competition. Chinese automaker Geely is working on its own ultra-frugal compact, according to reports. Called the IG, it's expected to bring a $2,250 price tag and a 1.0-litre, 70 horsepower motor to the party. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Avalon toasts high life

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada

MODEL: 2005 to 2010 Toyota Avalon
VEHICLE TYPE: Large sedan
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $13,000 to $32,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: The Toyota Avalon is a big, sophisticated car with a relatively simple goal: delivering an affordable taste of the motoring high life to its owners.

Toyota fit the Avalon into their product lineup above the Camry sedan, and packed it full of some of the market's most sought-after features and luxury amenities.

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: First and foremost, owners on the Internet tend to rave about the roominess, comfort, luxury and quality imparted by the Avalon driving experience. Long-haul comfort, acceleration and bang-for-the-buck are also highly rated.

WHAT OWNERS HATE: Numerous complaints surfaced in online Avalon owner circles about the navigation system, clumsy or harsh gear shifting and bland cabin and body styling.

COMMON ISSUES: Though relatively inconclusive, some owners reported frustrating and hard-to-track electronic issues with some of Avalon's interior electronics. As such, spend some time ensuring everything inside the car functions as expected. Extra attention is advised for the navigation system, climate controls, all cluster lights, and the audio system.

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Splash to the beat at Calypso

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Starting June 7, the National Capital Region will be caught in one of the biggest water fights in the country.

That Monday, Mont Cascade Water Park (40 minutes north of Ottawa in Quebec) will officially open for their 18th season. Since 1992, it has been essentially the only option for people in this area looking summertime aqua fun.

That all changes this year when the biggest water park in Canada, the new Calypso Theme Waterpark, (40 minutes southeast of downtown Ottawa), has its grand opening on June 7.

Calypso boasts 35 waterslides totaling 2.3 kilometres, and a Hawaiian beach bar with two world-class beach volleyball courts made with imported white sand.

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Calyspo boasts 35 waterslides totaling 2.3 kilometres, and a Hawaiian beach bar with two world-class beach volleyball courts made with imported white sand.

The visitor experience is enhanced by themes being assigned to each ride, with actors hired to play characters reinforcing the theme, said Calypso's executive vice-president Sylvain Lauzon.

For example, there is a quartet of rides that have a mad scientist's lab theme and even Dr. Dunk, a crazy scientist to complete the experience.

The centerpiece of the park, said Lauzon, is the 52,000 sq.ft. Calypso Palace wave pool, which is easily the largest in Canada.

"That's basically the size of three NHL hockey rinks, and that's just the water surface," said Lauzon. "We can accommodate up to 3,000 bathers in that pool alone."

The pool can generate eight different types of waves. The largest wave reaches nearly two metres high.

The arrival of Calypso certainly changes the competitive landscape, but Mont Cascades vice-president resort operations Luc Desormeaux believes another park can have a positive.

"Having two water parks in the area will create a greater awareness for water park activity as a whole," he said. "I'm very confident we can support two water parks."

If that Ottawa-Gatineau market can support seven ski hills, when only a quarter of the population skis or snowboards, then surely two water parks will be fine, when almost everyone can enjoy the water park, Desormeaux said.

Mont Cascades is home to the unique Tornado Alley ride — a four-person ride through a dark tunnel and patented funnels, which Desormeaux describes as the most exciting in the world.

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Close encounters of the animal kind

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Visitors of all ages might come to Little Ray's Reptile Zoo for a close encounter of the scaly kind, but the Ottawa zoo hopes you'll leave with more than that.

By giving visitors a hands-on experience, zoo curator Matthew Korhonen is hoping to dispel myths and misconceptions about these animals.

"If we can create an awareness and an appreciation with kids for animals, it will foster a passion for animals as adults," said Korhonen.

With over 600 animals, including alligators, crocodiles, cobras, rattlesnakes, giant lizards, monitor lizards, tarantulas and a few orphan mammals like skunks and possums, Little Ray's Reptile Zoo is the largest reptile rescue in Canada, said Korhonen.

The zoo also focuses on backyard conservation.

"A large part of what we're trying to do is make people aware of some of the local issues," said Korhonen. Turtles, for example, "are racing towards extinction right now because of road fatalities," he said.

The zoo also runs a children's camp with sessions starting June 28 and Aug. 2.

For those who like their animals with a bit of fur, the Papanack Park Zoo has lots of offer.

Species include African and white lions, Alaskan wolves, American black bears, Canadian lynxes, donkeys, baboons, llamas, pigmy goats, sheep, silver foxes, snow monkeys, hyenas, tigers, timber wolves, turkeys, doves, hedgehogs and even guinea pigs.

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Cobra's like the one at left and African lions, above, can be seen at Little Ray's Reptile Zoo and Papanack Park Zoo in the Ottawa region.

The Papanack zoo has over 300 species

> **"If we can create an awareness and an appreciation with kids for animals, it will foster a passion for animals as adults."**
> Matthew Korhonen, Little Ray's Reptile Zoo

The zoo is a family-owned and operated facility that has been breeding exotic animals and birds since the early 1980s.

In 1994, it had a one-year trial opening to the public and hasn't looked back since.

As a non-government funded facility, the zoo relies on its junior zoo keeper camps, which run July and August, and animal adoptions to fund new facilities and improve existing ones and to purchase animal feed during the winter months, when the zoo is closed to the public.

The Papanack Park Zoo is involved in a number of national and international breeding programs, including a species survival program for snow leopards (the zoo is creating a sufficiently diverse gene pool of captive snow leopards to guarantee success when they are eventually re-released back into the wild) and a lemur breeding program.

Keeping the peace in the backseat

Summer vacations are lots of fun, but many people forget to think about activities for the trip there.

Parenting expert and author Kathy Buckworth advises parents to prepare for the journey so it is a positive experience for everyone.

"Things will go better when you travel with clear plans. Ensure you have activities to keep the children happy on the way," she says.

Vary the journey experience; switch places in the car frequently and try placing a bag filled with toys for the children to play with in the back. This entertains kids and gives them some personal space.

Buckworth recommends bringing products that are educational as well as fun.

"It's important to bring toys that kids enjoy themselves in order to keep them occupied."

Creating a memorable family vacation is important, advises Buckworth.

"Enjoying the time together will create memories for the family to share for years. Even when things go wrong, the memories will be something to laugh about later." NEWS CANADA

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Travel is smoother with a clear plan, says a parenting expert.

Top Tips

- Stop frequently: Drivers and passengers need to stretch their legs. Make time to a quick game of Frisbee in a local park.
- Pack snacks: Bring snacks that are healthy, nutritious and fun. O-shaped cereal or small pretzels strung onto a piece of licorice make for an edible craft.
- Take photos: Let the kids take pictures and you will see your trip in a new light.
- Prepare for the unexpected: Bring fresh sets of clothing for everyone, even adults and toilet-trained toddlers.

Explore the Garama Cave

Mgahinga National Park in Uganda recently announced the opening of the Mgahinga Batwa Trail, a hike through the forest to the Garama Cave which gives travelers a fascinating glimpse into the life of the local Pygmy Batwa culture. Visit volcanoessafaris.com for more details. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Travel

Find your way around Thailand

The Lonely Planet books are very useful for all budgets, covering backpackers to those who like to splash their cash. This book covers all the Thai islands and coastal areas, as well as an extensive section on Bangkok. It includes details of transportation between all the different areas which is really handy if you are making your own way around Thailand, and there are tips on scams to avoid. It also includes the usual information of accommodation, eating options, things to do. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Krakow finding its niche

Experience the charm of major European cities, at half the price

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Krakow has the confidence of Berlin and verve of Paris ... and it will cost you so much less.

DAILY BUDGET
$50
EAT
Szara na Kazimierzu
Explore this great location on Kazimierzu's most historic plaza. It's densely populated by delicious food with all sorts of Scandanavian leanings.
(szarakazimierz.pl)
STAY
Hotel Apis
This excellent three-star hotel which feels a lot more expensive than it actually is. Its locations is handy for finding lots of traditional Polish restaurants too.
(hotelapis.pl)
GO
DYM
DYM is one of the coolest places in town to hang out and have a drink.
There are lots of artists, it bustles with ex-pats and you'll find a bunch general dudes, just sitting around having a smoke and watching the world go by.

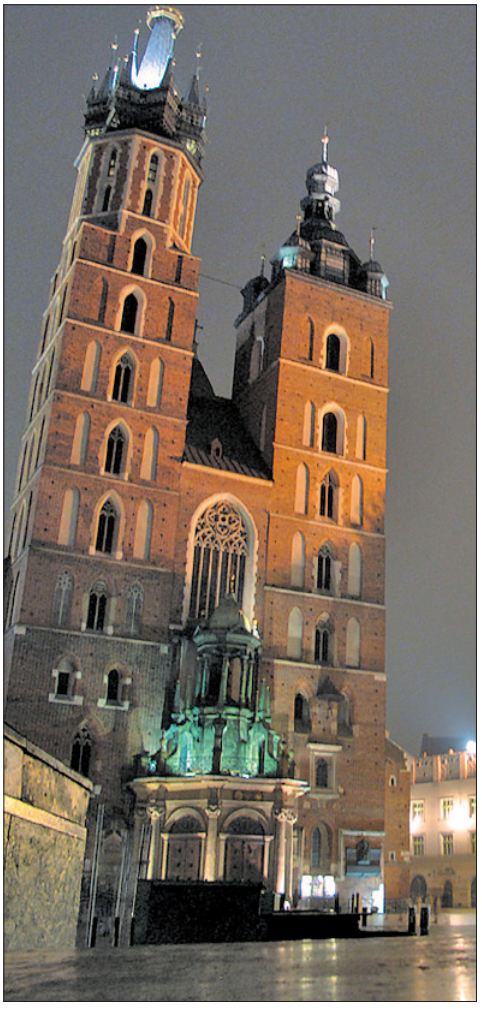
DAILY BUDGET
$100
EAT
Alef
This fantastically authentic pre-war restaurant certainly looks and feels the part.
Jewish specialities like Tchorba, Carp and Herring dominate the menu.
And there is often live traditional music in evening. Make the night an event.
STAY
Hotel Senacki
Good little three-star-hotel with views of the gorgeous skyline of the Old Town baroque architecture.
It's central location makes it prime for getting around town.
(hotelsenacki.com)
GO
Bike tour
Squash two days of sightseeing (including Oscar Schindler's factory) into a morning by taking to two wheels and making your way around the city.
Great fun and very informative.
(krakowbiketour.com)

DAILY BUDGET
$500
EAT
Ancora
This fabulous Michelin-rated restaurant is making waves in the city with modern twist on Polish classics.
Its top quality dining and great wine list makes it an easy choice for a grand night out.
(ancora-restaurant.com)
STAY
Hotel Starry
15th century building with a super modern make-over on the Market Square — the talk of Krakow
(stary.hotel.com.pl)
GO
Krakow Opera
Starkly stunning building with a mix of traditional and challenging contemporary work. Dress up and have a classy night at the opera.
(opera.krakow.pl)

METRO WORLD NEWS

Krakow's streets are a great place to get in touch with the locals.

Graffiti lines the walls of Krakow, telling a story within the city.



Some of Krakow's hotels are built in centuries-old buildings.

Flights, hotels and events

- For tips on flights, prices for hotels and events, times and bookings for activities see krakow.pl

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Namur's demure style

Find the best of Belgium in this little town

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Belgium certainly has its merits. But there's an overwhelming lovely, friendly feel to Namur which has to be experienced.

Metro finds the places to eat, stay and play in Namur.

DAILY BUDGET
$50
EAT
Saint Auban food market
A fabulous market offering local produce from the famous local pate, crunchy fresh breads and delicious baked goods. Enjoy the experience then grab yourself a picnic.
STAY
Formule 1
Absolutely no frills — but the lack of luxury is reflected in the price. Location is good and if you're lucky you'll even get a view of the Meuse. Basically somewhere to sleep.
(hotelformule1.com)
GO
The Citadel

METRO WORLD NEWS

The St. Aubin's Cathedral is a must-visit when in Namur.

The Citadel of Namur has been a European military stronghold since the Middle Ages and was only recently de-commissioned. There are a series of walks offering fabulous views.
(citadelle.namur.be)
DAILY BUDGET
$100
EAT
La Petite Fugue
This is a stylish restaurant with an almost opulent feel. Menus from $18 (lunch) to $50 (dinner) and a la carte (and fois gras to die for). (lapetitefugue.be)
STAY
Hotel Beauregard
On the banks of the River Meuse the Hotel Beauregard mixes tranquil surroundings with easy access to the city centre.
(benotel.com)
GO
Felicien Rops Museum
An homage to a much underrated 19th century Namur artist whose work covers includes sprawling landscapes to touching portraits. Though, most people go to see his surreal nudie paintings.

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The wrong Wheaton

When Today show news anchor Ann Curry delivered the commencement speech at Wheaton College in Massachusetts Saturday, she named a list of distinguished alumni. The problem is all the people she mention attended the Wheaton College in Illinois. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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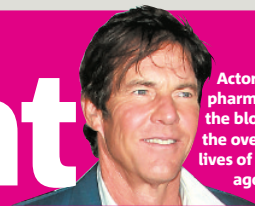

Quaid sues

Actor Dennis Quaid has sued the pharmaceutical company that makes the blood thinner heparin following the overdoses that threatened the lives of his newborn twins three years ago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gyllenhaal bulks up for Prince

BRUNO MARTINS
for Metro Canada

In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays Dastan, a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger. If the dagger falls into the wrong hands, it could destroy the world.

To prepare for the shoot Gyllenhaal — who now sports a large chest and biceps after bulking up for the role — spent a lot of time researching and studying the video game that the movie is based on. We talked with him in London.

Q This Prince of Persia is such a huge production. Weren't you an indie guy, once upon a time, before becoming Prince Dastan?

A I guess so. But I think I've done a lot of different kind of films, but this is definitely the biggest one.

Q How did it make you feel when you arrived at the set and saw all those massive sets?

A When we were driving to the set, each road where we were driving, there would be 500 cars ... particularly in Morocco ... There were thousands of cars, (it) looked like we were going to a sporting event! Then it took me 40 minutes to suit up in my costume, like I was going to some game. Soon as we walked on the set, it was insane. The big thing was all those details. We could shoot in every corner, we could do stunts with two units (two action sets at the same time), with one 100 feet up in the air.

Prince of Persia opens Friday

Q Are you hooked on those big productions now?

A I really liked it. I've just done two movies smaller in size and that was a wonderful thing to do for me after this one, because I did need to feed other aspects of my skill set. It's a kind of drug, when you're jumping over things, fighting people, looking like a bad ass ... it's hard not to want to do it again.

In the Prince of Persia: Sands Of Time Jake Gyllenhaal plays a talented and athletic prince that must save the destiny of a dagger.

Q How much did you workout for the movie, to improve your body? But did you also play the original videogame?

A Yes, and it was a very difficult research process. I had to exercise and play videogames (laughs). I'm not a card carrying gamer, but I definitely love playing videogames. As a kid I played the first version of the game ... then I took a 20-year hiatus. When I got the script I was fascinated because the primary resource for this is the videogame. I played like I would meet a marine if I was going to be a marine or go to prison if I was going to play someone in jail.

Q Were you expecting so much buzz on your buffing up?

A Well ... it wasn't made on vanity. It was on a functionality, to try to make all those stunts. There's been some curious approaches like: "Oh, you did those stunts, cool. But how do you look like that!?" Someone asked me: "How did that make you feel?" I was like: "I pretty much felt the same inside, you know!" (laughs) My strength, inside, the most important, comes from a lot of other different pain.

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American Idol

In the season finale, the top 12 finalists reunite for the last time before host Ryan Seacrest reveals the winner, then collapses, drenching the T-shirt of departing judge Simon Cowell with his tears. OK, we made up that last part, but how huge would the ratings be for that? Probably way higher than the crowning of one of the least impressive Idols in the show's history, whoever that may be, we're guessing. 8 PM on 7 CTV, 8 PM on 36 FOX, 104 CTV

The Rendering

Smarter than the average woman-in-jeopardy fare, this 2002 thriller casts Shannen Doherty as an artist and one-time crime victim who finds solace in helping others as a police sketch artist. Life is good until one day when she's drawing a suspect according to the victim's description and finds a very familiar face staring back at her. Who? Let's just say it's someone she knows. 10 PM on 62 W

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Fey youngest winner of Mark Twain Prize

The woman known for her impression of Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live will win the nation's top humour prize this year from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Tina Fey joins the ranks of Bill Cosby, Steve Martin, Lily Tomlin and others who have won the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the centre announced yesterday. Fey will be the youngest honoree, having just turned 40.

"I am truly thrilled to receive this honour," Fey said in a written statement. "I assume Betty White was disqualified for steroid use."

Fey returned to SNL earlier this month when the 88-year-old White drew rave reviews as host of the sketch comedy show.

Some of the biggest names in comedy will honour Fey when the prize is awarded Nov. 9 in Washington. The show will be taped for television broadcast later.

Fey got her start with Chicago's The Second City improv group and became the first woman to be head writer on SNL during nine seasons as a cast member and co-anchor of Weekend Update.

Those years set her apart and changed the show, said Mark Krantz, an executive producer of the Mark Twain prize.

Tina Fey

"It's that job as a head writer on a show that's been a traditionally male-oriented show," he said, adding that Fey's work "kind of broke the ceiling for many, many women in comedy, let alone that particular show."

She created NBC's Emmy-winning comedy series 30 Rock, in which she stars with Alec Baldwin. Fey also has made several hit movies, including her screenplay Mean Girls and the 2008 film Baby Mama with her SNL buddy Amy Poehler. Her film Date Night, with Steve Carell, is playing in theatres.

Fey is currently working on her first book, a humorous memoir due out next year. She lives in New York with her husband, Jeff Richmond, and their daughter.

This isn't the first recognition of her work. Fey was voted The Associated Press' Entertainer of the Year in 2008 by newspaper editors and broadcasters across the country after her Palin impression during the presidential campaign. Palin, of course, was the Republican vice-presidential candidate.

It's too soon to know who will perform in Fey's honour. The producers will likely invite many familiar faces, including people Fey has worked with, those who influenced her work and those she has influenced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Twilight sneak peek
Canadian Twilight fans will get a chance to see an exclusive scene from the highly anticipated film The Twilight Saga: Eclipse at the 2010 MTV Movie Awards that airs Sunday, June 6, MTV announced. METRO NEWS SERVICES

East Coast exposure

Rose Cousins' sophomore record shows new maturity

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

Loss and departure are all over Rose Cousins' new record, suitably titled The Send Off, but it's not a melancholy record despite it all.

Recorded three years after her debut record and a product of years of gigging, it's the sort of mature sound that some musicians would despair of achieving.

P.E.I.-born and Halifax resident, Cousins comes out of the furiously productive East Coast music scene, a place where a collegial, supportive atmosphere seems to have trumped the competitive balkanization that reigns elsewhere.

"Not everybody who lives out here is necessarily from here," says Cousins, "but a lot of us are and we mostly grew up in smaller communities, and I think that lends itself to there being more room for everybody and not so much a competition as much as how we can all help each other."

Cousins looked for the same sort of support when she searched for a producer for The Send Off, settling on Luke Doucet, another Maritimer whose work as a producer has attracted as much attention as his own music. The result is an evocative, airy record full of iridescent textures.

"Luke told me not to be too overprepared so that we'd be open to the process," Cousins recalls.

"Luke was amazing at driving that process and saying 'let's try this' whether we ended up using it or not. He's brilliant in that sense."

The record's themes were the product of Cousins' life in the three years since her debut album, If You Were For Me. A period that saw the death of her beloved grandmother — a blow that ended up inspiring The Send Off's title track.

"I guess the inevitability of having to let go of things as we get older, the age that I'm at and losing my grandmother and realizing that there's nothing you can do, and you can keep someone in your memory — it applies to so many things."

The Send Off, the latest album by P.E.I.-born Rose Cousins, was largely inspired by the last three years, including the traumatic death of her grandmother.

Lost ends, mystery continues

Can we all agree that Jack Shephard is dead? That he died in a bamboo grove on the lost island, gravely injured after saving it, his eye seen in close-up shutting as the series' final shot?

There may not be much more that viewers will agree on after Sunday's gargantuan, challenging conclusion to Lost.

For six seasons, the ABC mystical thriller has kept its audience guessing and arguing as well as entertained. But after the much-awaited finale, criticism and debate went into hyperdrive.

"One word. just amazing. the circle of life. wow. just wow," cheered franciSpace among a flurry of Twitter postings Monday morning.

"Lost is my life ... I don't understand why it had to end."
Tearful Lost fan on YouTube

On YouTube, viewers rushed to upload their video responses to the episode. One Lost fan, her face lit in an eerie blue glow, wept and choked out remarks such as "Lost is my life" and "I don't understand why it had to end" for nearly five minutes.

The two-and-one-half-hour special drew an average audience of 13.5 million viewers, beating NBC's Celebrity Apprentice finale by 4.2 million viewers, according to the Nielsen Co. The two-hour retrospective that preceded the Lost finale drew an audience of 9.8 million viewers.

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Hogan back to court

Hulk Hogan is going back to court, this time to sue Post Foods over a Cocoa Pebbles commercial he claims appropriated his image without permission, according to Tampa Bay Online. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Death obsessed

BRITNEY BACK TO THE FUTURE Britney Spears is reportedly keen on the idea of being cryogenically frozen after she dies so that she can be brought back to life later, according to the Sun.

"Brit gets these obsessions and this is the latest," a source says. "It started when someone told her Walt Disney had been preserved by cryogenics to be revived in the future. Brit found the whole thing so interesting she spent most of her Mother's Day trip to Disneyland researching the subject on the Internet while a nanny took the boys round the park."

Spears is so intent on cheating death that she's reportedly invested in a firm specializing in cryogenics.

"She looked into having her ashes turned into diamonds after she is gone but settled on the chance of getting to live in the future," the source adds.

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Rip Torn charge dismissed

ONE CHARGE DROPPED, ANOTHER TO GO A Connecticut judge has dismissed a drunken-driving charge against Rip Torn after the actor completed a court-ordered alcohol education program.

Torn was arrested in December 2008 near his home in Salisbury. He was stopped while driving in the breakdown lane with a Christmas tree tied atop his Subaru. Bantam Superior Court Judge Cara Eschuck dismissed the charge Friday because Torn completed a program that gives drunken-driving defendants a chance to clear their records. But another case is pending against the 79-year-old: charges that he broke into a bank in January while intoxicated and armed. He returned to court yesterday in that case.

Torn won an Emmy for The Larry Sanders Show. Screen credits include the Men in Black movies.

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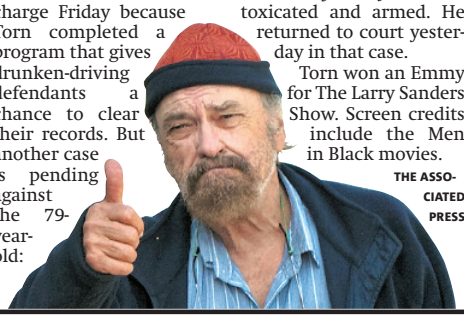

One lie leads to another

ONCE A CHEATER... Jesse James says he lied about cheating during his marriage to Oscar winner Sandra Bullock. In a brief excerpt of an interview that aired last night on ABC's Nightline, the tattooed biker and host of Monster Garage says Bullock was suspicious but he "lied and lied" his way out of it. He says he "lied to everyone about everything," even to himself. The excerpt aired yesterday on Good Morning America. He also says seeing Bullock in the role of mother to 4½-month-old son Louis is one of the "most amazing things" he's ever seen.

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Not tying the knot ... yet

WILL IT BE A DESTINATION WEDDING? Katy Perry is shooting down rumors that she and Russell Brand are planning to tie the knot during a weeklong wedding celebration in India this October. The rumor was originally started by Rihanna, who Perry says is just "a little confused" about the big event. "I haven't told her where we are getting married. She thinks we were getting married in India," Perry tells Ryan Seacrest on his radio show. But the singer isn't above hinting that the wedding will involve travel for their guests.

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Cyrus all grown up?

I'M A BIG GIRL NOW! Miley Cyrus is bristling at the criticism she's received for dabbling in racier imagery with her new album and videos.

"No one ever wants to see someone grow up," she complains, according to Wonderwall. "It's like when Hilary Duff started growing up off the Disney Channel. Everyone thought she was anorexic and she did this and that. It's just because she grew up! She didn't look like a 12-year-old anymore."

As grown up as she's feeling, 17-year-old Cyrus isn't ready to head off to college just yet. "I'm not going to go to college right now," she says. "I am a firm believer that you can go back at any age you want, because my grandma went back to college at 62 years old."

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Today, **DEMI LOVATO** wants to clear some things up, **LINDSAY LOHAN** is a proud older sister, **SARAH SILVERMAN** is going for the hard sell and **BRITNEY SPEARS** can't pick a favourite.

@ddlovato There are so many crazy rumors flying around today. I'd like to clear a few things up. First, Joe and I did split but it wasn't over the phone. Things didn't work out but we'll remain friends. Secondly, I am NOT dating anybody already.

@lindsaylohan congratulations to my brother graduating top of his class! he's so brilliant & im SO proud of him!! yay Mikey! @dinamlohan raised us well!

@SarahKSilverman I swear to god I'm going to murder my dog if more people don't buy my book right now.

@britneyspears I like New York, but I also LOVE London! Thats a tough one because there are so many cities I love.

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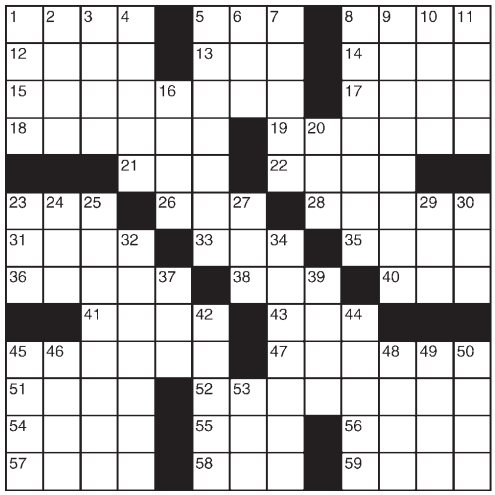

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8 Christmas song
12 Old Italian money
13 Where "Lost" is found
14 Farm measure
15 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
17 Color quality
18 Bionic human
19 One portion of the laundry
21 Ultramodernist
22 Jeans-maker Strauss
23 From — Z
26 Yoko of music
28 From Cardiff, e.g.
31 Slugger Sammy
33 Pouch
35 Speak unclearly
36 City in Japan
38 Took off
40 Chances, for short
41 Protracted
43 Sleuth, slangily
45 First game of the season
47 Authoritative order
51 Ms. Moore
52 "Not necessarily"
54 Sportscaster Andrews
55 Kids' card game
56 Whistle sound
57 Urban pall
58 Pink Floyd guitarist Barrett
59 Hamburg's river

DOWN

1 Group of allied countries
2 Ethereal
3 Colorless
4 Shirley of "Goldfinger"
5 Shop-talk vocabularies
6 Where (Lat.)
7 Villainous look
8 Indigenes
9 Southwestern candlewood
10 Sea eagle
11 Dregs
16 Sandwich treat
20 Chop
23 Inquire
24 Plaything
25 Melody used for Elvis' "It's Now or Never"
27 Rowing need
29 Dine
30 Day fractions (Abbr.)
32 Expiating
34 — seat (advantageous situation)
37 Indivisible
39 Require
42 Gets bigger
44 Skydiver's device
45 Praiseful poetry
46 Hair salon request
48 Carbon compound
49 Uppity one
50 Carry
53 Dinner for Dobbin

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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4	5	8	1	9	6	7	3	2
1	2	3	5	8	7	4	9	6
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3	1	4	2	7	9	8	6	5

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Turnip Casserole

INGREDIENTS:
4 turnips, peeled and cubed
1 cup water
1 egg, beaten
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1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp ground cinnamon

METHOD:
1. Place turnips in large pot and cover with water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook for 15 minutes or until tender and drain.

2. Transfer turnips to bowl and mash. Add egg, sugar, butter and salt; mix well. Transfer to greased 1-L baking dish; sprinkle with cinnamon.

3. Cover and bake at 350°F (180°C) 20-25 minutes or until thermometer reads 160°F/71°C and turnip mixture is heated through.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Ignore those who say you should be on the move. By all means sit quietly and give your brain and body a rest.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You no longer seem to think of money and property and possessions in quite the same way you did before. They are useful, certainly, but useful for what?

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Do what you do best. Reach for your highest potential. Rarely have you been the focus of so much positive power, but it is up to you to make use of it.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
The coming week will have its ups and downs but overall you will make significant progress.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
The Sun in Gemini over the next few weeks will coincide with a phase when you enjoy total self-belief. It doesn't matter if the world is against you.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
This is one of the most important times of the year for you. If you want recognition you are about to get it. Just make sure you get it for the right reasons.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your horizons are expanding in all directions. Ideas that never interested you before will suddenly be of the utmost importance.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You will be asking yourself some rather deep questions today and the answers you get won't always be easy to handle.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
The world is not out to get you and if you think it is you need to change. Try to think of life as being neutral — neither for you or against you.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be none too pleased when something unexpected comes along to disturb your well organized lifestyle today. Perhaps it's time to get moving.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will be extremely busy this week, but try not to do things for the sake of it. All your activities must have a purpose. They must all have a goal.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may feel out of touch with the spirit of the times but is that really such a big deal? You don't have to be like everyone else.

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1928: The first motion picture is projected publicly in Athens, Greece.
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